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1. US DELEGATION MET WITH LOCAL BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR ON JULY 30 TO DISCUSS AMENDMENTS TO G-77 RESOLUTION ON THE TRIPARTITE WORLD CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT. AMBASSADOR ELIO WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT G-77 WOULD ACCEPT USG AMENDMENTS CONCERNING THE NIEO. HE INSISTED THAT THE G-77 WAS "DUG IN" ON THIS LANGUAGE. WE PERSISTED, AND HE AGREED TO PRESS AS HARD AS POSSIBLE ON G-77 WHEN NEXT HE MEETS WITH THEM.

2. ELIO INFORMED US THAT AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER NON-COSPONSORS OF THE RES, OP PARAS THREE AND SEVEN HAD ALREADY BEEN AMENDED. PARA THREE WILL NOW REAS AS FOLLOWS: "RECOMMENDS THAT POLICIES REQUIRED TOT MMET BASIC NEEDS BECOME AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, THE PLAN OF ACTION AND THE IDS FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE;". AMBASSADOR ELIO REMARKED THAT THIS AMENDMENT MIGHT WELL TAKE CARE OF THE POINT IN NEW PREAMBULAR PARA SUGGESTED BY
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US. WE AGREED. PARA SEVEN NOW READS: "RECOMMENDS TO THE

SYG TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS THROUGH THE ACC FOR THE REVIEWING, MONITORING AND REPORTING ANNUALLY OF THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UN SYSTEM IN THESE FIELDS." US DELEGATION REMARKED THAT NEW LANGUAGE OF PARA SEVEN DID NOT FULLY MEET OUR NEEDS. WE INDICATED HOWEVER THAT WE WOULD REFER THE MATTER TO THE DEPT.

3. COMMENT: DELEGATION WILL PERSIST IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO INCLUDE ALL OF PARA 29 OF WEC FINAL DOCUMENT IN RESOLUTION. LANGUAGE AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B IS, HOWEVER, PHRASED IN PREAMBULAR, NOT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH MANNER. IT MAY WELL BE POSSIBLE TO COVER THIS POINT IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH, PERHAPS SIMPLY BY RECALLING PARA 29. IN OPINION OF DELEGATION, HOWEVER, ORIGINAL RESOLUTION LANGUAGE DOES NOT PREEMPT ILO GOVERNING COUNCIL ACTION. ELIO CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT HIS INTENTION. WE UNDERSTAND IN FACT THAT ELIO RECEIVED THIS DRAFT FROM ILO SECRETARIAT, WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF ITS OWN GOVERNING BODY. THEREFORE DELEGATION HOPES THAT DEPT WILL RECONSIDER THIS POINT.

4. WE ARE CONCERTING OUR POSITION WITH THAT OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THEY ARE DISPOSED TO ASSIST US INITIALLY ON NIEO POINTS, BUT ARE NOT BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR RECOMMENDED CHANGE IN OPERATIVE PARA SEVEN. ABRAMS

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